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Dr. Harmon C. McAllister
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Dear Doctor McAllister:

In 1977 we held a conference with the Japanese on "Molecular and Cellular Aspects of Vascular Smooth Muscle in Health and Disease", which proved to be a very valuable survey of the state of the art in this field. The proceedings were published in Blood Vessels (Vol. 15, pp. 1-216, 1978), and constituted a foundation from which extensive advances have been made in the past decade.

These advances in subjects such as phosphoinositide metabolism, single channel function in the plasma membrane, and phosphorylation of myosin light chain, are currently providing new insights into the function of normal vascular smooth muscle and the changes that occur in hypertension and atherosclerosis.

In order for us to exchange information about these advances in the USA and Japan, the National Science Foundation is supporting a second similar symposium January 19-21, 1989, to be held in the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Foundation supports many joint symposia on a fixed program in collaboration with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

According to the ground rules of this Program, a maximum of 12 participants can be invited from each of the sponsoring countries and six participants can be invited from other countries. However, we have recently learned that the Foundation will pay travel and per diem expenses for only eight participants from the U.S. and eight from Japan.

*not limited to 30
(outside an invite!)*

We would be grateful indeed if The Council for Tobacco Research could help to assist us with transportation and per diem expenses for the remaining four U.S. participants, and for three of the six third country participants for whom the U.S. organizers will be responsible. We estimate that the total added expense will be \$15,000. We have already secured \$8,000, but need an additional \$7,000. We would greatly appreciate a contribution from The Council for Tobacco Research toward this amount.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely yours,



For the organizers,
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